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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the office action dated April 30, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 2 of the specification, amend the first paragraph after the heading "SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION", as follows:

An The ceramic armor apparatus of the present invention described and claimed herein comprises a ceramic facing element bonded to an aramid fiber composite substrate. The ceramic armor apparatus of the present invention provides protection against a 5.56mm M193 bullet, a 5.56mm M855 bullet, a 5.56mm SS109 bullet, a 7.62mm M80 bullet, a 7.62mm LPS bullet, and a 7.62mm PS bullet either alone or in any combination thereof. The ceramic facing element may consist of a plurality of elements, such as tiles, or may be a singular ceramic plate that is either flat or molded to the